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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Some Important Happenings in the South

### THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of New Events That Occurred in our Midst that Cannot Fail to Interest.

San Diego county has 11,270 school children.

The Ventura cannery wants 100 fruit pitters.

Apricot drying is in full blast in the vicinity of Tustin.

Lucas Canyon in Orange county is enjoying a gold rush.

Riverside shipped 718,000 boxes of oranges the past season.

San Diego county has on hand \$157,613.23 of public funds.

The North Ontario Fruit Company has begun cutting apricots.

Whittier's cannery is turning out 25,000 packages of fruit a day.

Cattle stealing in the neighborhood of Santa Barbara is going on.

A Southern California whist tournament is soon to be inaugurated.

Long Beach entertained the largest crowd in its history on July 4th.

The beet-growers in the vicinity of Oxnard are organizing for mutual protection.

Ellen Beach Yaw will sing during the coming Chautauqua season at Long Beach.

W. C. Hargrave will net \$463.50 an acre for apricots this year on his ranch near Redlands.

Ventura expects to realize \$2,000,000 from the sale of her products during the present season.

Pasadena's onion factory burned. It was the single enterprise of the kind in existence on the coast.

The supervisors of San Bernardino have declared vacant the offices of two of the county's horticultural commissioners.

W. O. Baxter, a Mexican war veteran, helped raise the American flag over Fort Hill in Los Angeles fifty-three years ago.

One of the inmates of the girl's department of the Whittier school died suddenly a few days ago, the result of eating green apples.

The trustees of San Bernardino have been petitioned by the doctors of the city to appoint "a regular" health officer for the city.

Floyd C. Foote of Long Beach, who left with a party for Kotzebue Sound several months ago, writes that there is no gold in that vicinity.

The United States auxiliary cruiser Badger will touch at San Diego about August 15. She is now on the way from Samoa to San Francisco.

W. H. Routzhan of Los Angeles has purchased twenty-two acres of land southwest of Fullerton, from D. C. Lane, the consideration being \$6000.

There have been over 325,000 cans of apricots put up at the Pomona cannery thus far this season, and it is estimated that the total output will be nearly 2,000,000 cans.

The San Diego Chamber of Commerce is seeking to have set aside the enforcement of the order prohibiting the importation of cattle infected with ticks into Mexico.

A recently returned pilgrim from San Francisco said: "Yes, it is a singular thing to me that the authorities there place ten policemen to guard the unfortunate passengers of the Nipon Maru, and yet permit any number of fiends incarnate to parade the down-town districts smoking skunk cabbage cigars, the fumes from which are far more deadly than bubonic or any other plague!" This has an apt application to Los Angeles and especially to Pasadena.—Los Angeles Times.

"Hung be the heavens in black!" The Santa Barbara supervisors have enacted a law that pheasants, grouse and wild turkey shall not be shot at any time, and, oh horrors! that clams shall not be shot, speared, trapped, dug or otherwise maltreated for three years. Santa Barbara without clams! Perish the thought!

A. H. Hall, formerly of the Nadeau Hotel in Los Angeles, but now of Dawson City, writes to say that robberies are numerous in the Klondike metropolis, and that the people have been warned not to carry much gold dust around town. A police escort is furnished miners if they ask for it,

when they bring in their gold from the mines.

According to the San Bernardino Transcript a local hotel has an extra force of waiters to feed the incoming teachers. Now this is a consummation devoutly to be thankful for. Instead of liver pads, spats and gashes indicative of lumbago, tic-douloureux fits, spasms, etc., we find our visitors to be fitted with first-class appetites and ordinary habiliments.

Azusa has a deadly reservoir, with a record of two drowned boys in one week. The prospect cannot be a pleasant one to heads of families, and it is suggested that while a high fence, or even a dose of bird shot, might check the deadly work of this particular place, if injected between the boys and the water, it would be well to enact a law against such bathing, and then enforce it.—Los Angeles Times.

Ventura is registering a loud and earnest call for pitters and other helpers in the cannery there, and is raising the rate of wages paid for such work. They were forced to put Chinamen at work to save fruit on hand. These facts are commended to our visitors, and to those who are tormented, night and day, with hypocritical appeals for food and lodging. Ventura, Fullerton, Anaheim and several other towns have plenty of work for willing hands.

The Riverside Press tells of a greatly enlarged alfalfa acreage this year, and that many who have citrus orchards of small trees are sowing alfalfa on thousands of acres of low-lying land in the valley, and making a fine support while the citrus trees are maturing, giving \$50 per acre as a certain return to the farmer. As there are several thousands of acres there, with abundance of water to use, it is likely this feature of two-sided farming may become general.

The carriers in the territory which has recently been added to the free delivery districts of Los Angeles have to cover very long routes. If this additional service is to be maintained, and to be made efficient, it will be necessary for residents in that section to cooperate with the carriers, and extend them all possible aid, especially by placing boxes for letters at points to which the carriers can drive, so that they will not have to alight and go up to the houses.

Public Economy is the name of a new monthly journalistic venture by A. B. Hotchkiss of Los Angeles, and is devoted "to a discussion of the best methods of keeping down public taxes and assessments, state, county, municipal and national." It advocates government storage reservoirs, and condemns as arbitrary and vicious the "Vrooman law" on the opening and construction of streets. It is replete with matter pertinent to the foregoing purposes, and is well written and neatly printed.

A singular accident happened to a lady passenger in a sleeper, en route to Pasadena. An open window admitted a live spark from the engine, setting fire to the sleeper's clothing and causing much commotion. An awful sense of fear creeps up the spine—and down it, too—when one thinks of the dreadful possibilities in the case of the male wing of the Kentucky delegation. A live spark and a healthy Kentucky breath would create an explosion such as would disintegrate all out-of-doors, and tear huge, jagged holes in the welkin.—Los Angeles Times.

William Wyles, of Santa Barbara, for the local chamber of commerce, is seeking curios for a new museum there, and asks for strange and remarkable things. If the gentleman will go to Los Angeles and procure one of the ordinary retail butcher's scales, and have it embalmed, it would form a notable curiosity to future generations. It should have a microscopic attachment, so that people a hundred years hence could recognize a pound of pork or mutton chops, as they are sold today. He might cause to be erected a huge ornamental wing to the main building, in which to hold the price of them.—Los Angeles Times.

At Hemet in Riverside county they have a hundred people employed in the fruit drier, and need many more. They pay six, ten and fifteen cents per box for cutting apricots for the several grades. It will be noted that all around us is work in plenty for men and women, light work such as all can do. The traveling mendicant, he of the able body and hard times story, should be informed of this condition. Let our visitors know that our products furnish abundant labor, each in its season, and we shall cut the gordian knot of prejudice tied by the constitutional loafer and pessimist by the lie that we cannot employ the people we now have.—Los Angeles Times.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

John D. Rockefeller and a party of friends have made a trip across the continent in two special Pullman cars, and will spend the summer in the redwood region of California.

PORTLAND: Thomas Burns, who attempted to secure \$25,000 from the Oregon Railway and Navigation company by means of a threat to blow up a section of the railroad, was today sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Angels Camp—Fred Peterson, an old man over 70 years of age, committed suicide at Murphy's by placing a stick of giant powder in his mouth and exploding it. The charge blew the entire top of his head off. Deceased left a note in which he said he had lived in Murphys for fifty-one years and was tired of life. The body was found at the home of Rev. Luark, where he lived.

SAN FRANCISCO: Jose Leon Castillo, a revolutionist of Guatemala, who was once a candidate for the presidency and escaped from the country after an unsuccessful revolt against Barrios, has arrived here. He recently made an unsuccessful attempt to obtain permission to re-enter Guatemala. His friends deny a rumor that he came to California to plot against the government.

"It cost Henry Burklime just \$40 to shoot four doves out of season." The remarkable feature of this item is that it occurred in San Jose. Justice Rosenthal, before whom the case was tried, is hereby elevated into the list of canonized judicial saints, whereof St. Sure of Alameda county is the head and front. Men with moral backbone in these degenerate days, must be supported in upholding just laws, even if they have the misfortune of living in San Jose.

A masked man entered the O. K. saloon, kept by Tommy Smith, at Prescott, Arizona, a little before midnight, and presented a revolver at Smith's head with the usual "Throw up your hands." Instead of complying with the request, Smith grabbed the gun, wresting it from the would-be-robber's grasp, and clubbed the latter into unconsciousness with it. Then he called an officer, who placed the man in jail. The man is a stranger here. Smith had between \$300 and \$400 in the saloon at the time.

A Post-Intelligencer correspondent at Juneau says that the most remarkable mineral discovery in the history of the world was made recently on White River, Alaska, by the Bratnaber party. It is a copper placer, and puts known mining knowledge to such a discount that old-timers look on it as an unexplainable phenomenon. Near the surface the metal runs almost pure, it is said, and further down great chunks were discovered. White River is the first tributary of the Yukon on the right side, going up.

IN DRUNKEN FRENZY.

Youth Throws Lighted Lamp at His Mother—Others Badly Burned.

SAN FRANCISCO: While in a drunken frenzy Cornelius Manning tried to kill his mother by throwing a lighted lamp at her. The efforts of Mrs. Mary Kennedy, who was visiting Mrs. Manning, to save the life of her hostess resulted in frightful burns, which will probably end fatally for the unfortunate woman. Paul Kennedy, the husband, is also painfully burned about the hands and face, and his little five-year-old niece, Maude Kennedy, is so seriously injured from the flaming oil that, though she will recover, she may be marked for life.

The tragedy took place at the home of Mrs. Manning on Jones and Greenwich streets. Young Manning came home with a friend named Taylor. A quarrel ensued and when Mrs. Manning attempted to quiet her son he dashed a small lamp on the floor, where it exploded. He then threw a larger lamp at his mother. It struck Mrs. Kennedy, who attempted to interfere, and fell at the feet of the little girl. All were dreadfully injured and Mr. Kennedy was badly burned in trying to extinguish the

flames. Young Manning at once fled, and has not been captured.

### GROCER'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

SAN FRANCISCO: A. C. A. Boyson, an aged grocer, was found lying dead in a pool of blood in the rear of his store, on the northeast corner of Sanchez and Twenty-ninth streets. Although Coroner Hill believes that the man died of a hemorrhage of the lungs, Capt. Gillen of the Seventeenth street police station, after an investigation, took J. B. Anderson, a former partner of Boyson, into custody, pending a further investigation into the manner of the grocer's death which is involved in considerable mystery, one account stating that he shot himself, though there was no indication of a bullet wound in the remains.

### CALIFORNIA AFFAIRS.

WASHINGTON: The Secretary of the Interior approved to California the school-land indemnity selection of 3477 acres in Los Angeles land district. The land accrues to the state in lieu of school lands sold by the government.

The postoffice at College Park and San Jose, Cal., have been consolidated, to take effect August 1.

George T. Peabody of California was appointed a clerk and field assistant in the Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry.

The following California postoffices were advanced to the domestic money-order class: Gilla, Hodson, Monroe, Sorrento.

### CALIFORNIA INTERNAL REVENUE.

SAN FRANCISCO: Collector of Internal Revenue Lynch announced that the total receipts for the First District of California for the fiscal year ending June 30. During the past twelve months the collections amounted to \$3,724,478.96, and for the previous fiscal year the amount of taxes paid in was \$1,480,989.42.

The working of the War Revenue Law is chiefly responsible for the increase in collections in the past year, which are 151 per cent greater than in 1897-98. In the past month the collections were \$294,943.52, as compared to \$191,530.76 for June of 1898, an increase of 54 per cent.

### DEWEY'S WILL.

FRESNO: Mrs. M. L. Applegarth of Santa Clara county filed for probate the will of John C. Dewey, a wealthy rancher of Riverdale, this county, who died last May. Dewey left property in Merced, Fresno, Mariposa, Santa Clara and Tulare counties, and also farming land in Greeley county, Kansas, in all valued at \$20,000.

After making bequests to numerous relatives, the will reads: "And to any lady who may prove to the satisfaction of the court before which this will is probated that she was at the time of my death my wife, \$10; and to any person who may prove that he or she is my child, \$10."

### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Venice has a cafe which claims it has been open day and night for 150 years.

The price of medicine in Prussia is regulated by the state, a new price list being published every year.

Berlin—A dispatch from Odessa announces that a dynamite cartridge exploded near there while the excavation of a coal mine was in progress and that forty-six persons were killed and twenty injured.

Madrid—Admiral Cervera and the other commanders of the Spanish fleet destroyed in the battle of Santiago, whose conduct has been the subject of inquiry by special court-martial, were acquitted and formerly liberated.

Berlin—The officials of the German foreign office at Berlin have emphatically denied the report of the Associated Press that Emperor William has offered Prince Herbert Bismarck the post of ambassador at Washington, or any other diplomatic post.

Santiago de Cuba—The newspapers here are protesting against a proposal to award William J. Buchanan, the United States minister to the Argentine Republic, the sum of \$100,000 for his intervention in connection with the arbitration of the boundary question between Chile and Argentine.

Ambassador Choate and Lord Salisbury are almost deadlocked over the modus vivendi fixing the Alaskan boundary. Neither side will accept the provisional line proposed by the other, the Canadians demanding the inclusion of their Porcupine country and the Americans the projection of the boundary line northwesterly from a point two miles above Kluckwan.

## MINES AND MINING.

### TREASURE AT DAWSON.

Gold Dust Galore Coming South on Every Boat.

SAN FRANCISCO: A special from Seattle says gold dust was pouring into Dawson when the Humboldt's passengers left. They allege that on June 20th a pack train of twenty horses, each animal carrying 200 pounds of gold dust, arrived from El Dorado Creek. There were two tons of it, worth fully \$1,000,000. It is said that seven horses were weighted down with dust from one claim.

Another Dawson party has arrived from the North on the Dirigo. Joseph Putrau and Henry Berry had jointly 700 pounds of dust. Aside from this no one man had to exceed fifty pounds. The total on the vessel was \$150,000. The City of Topeka is close behind the Dirigo with considerable more treasure.

Richard Emmons of Gosham and Orin W. Jackson sought to reach the Copper River section from Dawson, and came near starving to death. They were making the journey for the North American Transportation and Trading Company. Their Indian guides deserted, and the men were lost for ten days.

Miners have reached Dawson from Porcupine River without gold. They say the rivers as far north as Arctic Ocean contain no gold.

A townsite has been located about twenty miles above Fort Selkirk, near a copper ledge, outcroppings of which have been traced a distance of sixteen miles.

### CHEAP MINING AND MILLING.

As an instance of very cheap mining and milling in Plumas county, says the Plumas (Cal.) National Bulletin, may be mentioned the operations in that line now being carried on by George Brandt, at the Centennial mine in Genesee Valley. The ore from a ledge six feet wide is stoped so that it falls directly into the car, and it is then run to the mill. Being of a rather soft nature, the ore is not put through a rock-breaker, but goes directly from the grizzly to the patent feeders. One man breaks the ore while the other delivers it to and attends the mill. Thus five of the ten stamps are kept running, and at a cost for mining and milling of only fifty cents per ton. The mill is a very simple but complete affair. It is run by water power, the wheel being one of Mr. Brandt's own make.

### AN AGE OF MINING.

The New York Financial News draws attention in an editorial to the very remarkable progress made in the development and working of gold and other mines throughout the entire world during the last two years. "Never before," it says, "has there been such general and widespread activity in mining in all parts of the world, and for all the important minerals as at the present time. This activity is more concentrated and intense in the United States than elsewhere, but it is spreading in every region. Australia, Africa, China, the islands of the Pacific, Europe, South America, British North America, Mexico, are all in the rush as well as are we of the United States. It is an age of mining."

### BOHEMIAN MINES, OREGON.

A correspondent of the Portland Oregonian, writing from Eugene, Oregon, of the Bohemian mines, says the season was late in opening up this year owing to the great quality of snow in the mountains. The miners are well pleased with the new development work, and greatly encouraged over their prospects. They have struck some very rich free-milling ore in the east drift of the Vesuvius mine, on Fairview mountain, and also in the Grizzle mine, on the west slope of Grizzle mountain, where they struck a vein of high-grade gold and copper ore last fall four feet wide, which has continued to widen with depth, until now they have full seven feet of ore, which is increasing in value proportionately to the increase in volume.

The Seattle, Wash., Post-Intelligencer, says that Index district, Wash., is attracting much attention.

The Alaska-United mine, near Douglas, Alaska, for the thirty-five days ended June 7, with 220 stamps, crushed 31,177 tons of ore, value, \$34,480, and 517 tons sulphurets, value \$19,530. The ore averaged \$1.87 per ton.